

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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ARTURO T. OCHOA,

Plaintiff,

v.

A. SUNDAY, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:14-cv-00136-MMD-WGC

SCREENING ORDER

I. DISCUSSION

Plaintiff is a prisoner proceeding *pro se*. Plaintiff has submitted a civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and a motion to file a complaint without filing an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (Dkt. no. 1-1, 1-2.) On at least three (3) occasions, the Court has dismissed civil actions commenced by Plaintiff while in detention as frivolous or for failure to state a claim upon which any relief may be granted.¹

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), "if [a] prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted," he may not

¹See *Ochoa v. Cook et al.*, 3:02-cv-450-LRH-VPC; *Ochoa v. Willis et al.*, 3:02-cv-545-ECR-VPC (both dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted); *Ochoa v. Putter et al.*, 3:10-cv-364-HDM-RAM (dismissed as delusional and factually frivolous). The Court takes judicial notice of its prior records in the above matters.

1 proceed *in forma pauperis* and, instead, must pay the full \$400.00 filing fee in advance
2 unless he is "under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

3 In his complaint, Plaintiff appears to allege his dissatisfaction with the prison
4 food. (See *generally* dkt. no. 1-1.) The Court finds that these allegations fail to plausibly
5 allege that Plaintiff is in imminent danger of serious physical injury. See *Andrews v.*
6 *Cervantes*, 493 F.3d 1047, 1055 (9th Cir. 2007) (holding that the exception to § 1915(g)
7 applies if the complaint makes a plausible allegation that the prisoner faced imminent
8 danger of serious physical injury at the time of filing). To the extent that Plaintiff is
9 alleging that prison officials are poisoning his food, the Court notes that Plaintiff has filed
10 several complaints in the past making those same allegations and that the Court finds
11 that such allegations are delusional and factually frivolous. As such, Plaintiff must pre-
12 pay the \$400.00 filing fee in full.

13 **II. CONCLUSION**


14 For the foregoing reasons, it is ordered that Plaintiff's motion to file a complaint
15 without filing an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (dkt. no. 1-2) is denied.

16 It is further ordered that this action will be dismissed without prejudice unless
17 Plaintiff pays the \$400.00 filing fee in full within thirty (30) days of entry of this order.

18 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court shall send Plaintiff two (2) copies
19 of this order. Plaintiff shall make the necessary arrangements to have one (1) copy of
20 this order attached to the check paying the filing fee.

21 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court shall retain the complaint (dkt. no.
22 1-1).

23 DATED THIS 26th day of March 2014.

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26 MIRANDA M. DU
27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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